

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 274481

21

ORIGIN EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 COME-00 CIAE-00 INR-05 NSAE-00

RSC-01 /020 R

DRAFTED BY EB/IFD/OIA:DHSTEBBING

APPROVED BY EB/IFD/OIA:CNELLIS

EB/ORF/ISM :WPOLIK

EA/ANP :HLANGE

----- 062354

R 132321Z DEC 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMCONSUL PERTH

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 274481

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:EINV, EMIN, EALR, AS

SUBJECT: REYNOLDS AND ALWEST ALUMINA PROJECT

REF: PERTH 278

1. WE NOTIFIED REYNOLDS OF MENSAROS' COMMENTS AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. REYNOLDS EXECUTIVES DO NOT KNOW MENSAROS PERSONALLY AND ARE A BIT PUZZLED BY HIS PRESENTATION OF THE SITUATION. ALTHOUGH CONTACT WITH THE WA GOVERNMENT WAS LEFT PRIMARILY TO THE AUSTRALIAN FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE ALWEST PROJECT, REYNOLDS WAS FULLY AWARE OF WA GOVT INTEREST AND SUPPORT. FOLLOWING REYNOLDS' DECISION IN OCTOBER NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT, THE COMPANY WAS IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH SIR CHARLES COURT. RESPONDING TO INQUIRY BY COURT, REYNOLDS SENT HIM COPY OF ITS CABLE TO BHP AND ALWEST IN WHICH REYNOLDS NOTIFIED THEM OF ITS DECISION AND EXPLAINED REASONS THEREFOR. AS YOU ARE AWARE, REYNOLDS BASED ITS DECISION ON ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AFFECTING PROFITABILITY OF PROJECT, NOT DIRECTLY ON POLICIES OF FEDERAL OR WA GOVERNMENT. WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 274481

CABLE TO COURT, REYNOLDS CONSIDERED MATTER CLOSED, PENDING

IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT.

2. IN REYNOLDS VIEW, BHP AND ALWEST ESSENTIALLY SHARE
ITS ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. REYNOLDS IS
REMAINING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ITS PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS AND

IS CONFIDENT THAT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
THAT WOULD DICTATE RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON PARTICI-
PATION WILL QUICKLY BE BROUGHT TO REYNOLDS' ATTENTION.
FOR THIS REASON, REYNOLDS WOULD PREFER NOT TO REOPEN
DIALOGUE WITH WA GOVT UNTIL IT HAS HEARD FROM THE
AUSTRALIAN FIRMS. FYI: THEREFORE, WHILE APPRECIATING
SUPPORT WA GOVT HAS GIVEN PROJECT, REYNOLDS HAS DECIDED
NOT TO FOLLOW UP ON MENSAROS' EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.
END FYI. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALUMINUM, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE274481
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DHSTEBBING
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740363-0896
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741235/aaaabdoz.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 74 PERTH 278
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <27 MAR 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REYNOLDS AND ALWEST ALUMINA PROJECT
TAGS: EINV, EMIN, EALR, AS, REYNOLDS
To: PERTH
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005